

NOVEMBER 30, 2006

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Subject: Request for Volunteers: Redmond Flood Management Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Hitch,

The City of Redmond is pleased to invite you to serve on a Flood Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) in support of the City's Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP). This is an important project. Nearly 20% of the City lies within the FEMA floodplain, so 527 businesses and residents have flood insurance. With ongoing development in neighboring City's; and flood events like we saw earlier this month, now is the time to work with our neighbors to develop a comprehensive plan for the City.

Participation on this committee will give you the unique opportunity to help guide the City's flood planning efforts. Some of the primary goals we seek to achieve are:

- Identify and quantify potential flood hazards through the City;
- Develop projects to reduce flood hazards efficiently and effectively;
- Become eligible for state and federal grants to fund flood reduction projects;
- Reduce flood insurance premiums for City residents and businesses.

Committee involvement will be attendance at four meetings between January and July of 2007, ending in completion of the draft plan. More information is on the attached information sheet, and also on the City's website. If you or someone in your organization is willing to volunteer, please complete and return the attached application by Monday, December 15, 2006. Should you have any questions, contact Stephen Hitch at (425) 556-2891 or shitch@redmond.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Hitch, PE
Stormwater Engineer

Enclosed: FMAC Application
Redmond CFHMP Information Sheet

Project Website Link:

<http://www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/publicworks/stormwater/floodplan/default.asp>.

Flood Management Advisory Committee Fact Sheet

What Will the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan Do?

The completed Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan will:

- document streams, rivers, land uses, and regulations related to flood hazards;
- Identify goals for flood hazard reduction consistent with the needs of residents, businesses, and neighboring jurisdictions; and
- Identify flood hazards, evaluate alternative solutions and make recommendations for future projects or program modifications to address these hazards.

Who Will Benefit from the Plan?

- The City will be able to most efficiently and effectively use stormwater utility fees to build projects that reduce flood hazards.
- Completion of this plan will make the City eligible for grants for flood hazard reduction projects.
- Also, completion of this project is a key step toward reducing flood insurance premiums through the National Flood Insurance Program.

How Did We Get Here?

In 2003, The Department of Ecology evaluated the City's flood hazard management program. The audit's recommendations led to immediate updates to City procedures and 2005 updates to the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. The final step is preparation of the plan that describes the City's flood hazard reduction program, evaluates the program's effectiveness, and identifies projects or programmatic improvements that will reduce flood hazards in Redmond. This project is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Ecology that was awarded in the Summer of 2005.

Who Will Be On the Flood Management Advisory Committee?

In order to keep the FMAC functional, it is important to keep the group small (approximately 10-15 members). FMAC members will serve as liaisons between the City's project team and the groups they represent, as well as the larger community. The FMAC will provide input on community issues and provide feedback on certain aspects of project development. The FMAC will help to identify flood-related problems, categorize problem types, develop goals and objectives for the CFHMP, review alternative solutions, and select preferred alternatives.

The committee will be comprised of community members and representatives, such as:

- Development interests
- Business community
- Citizens at large
- Environmental or conservation interests
- Agency representative

What is the Commitment?

Four meetings are anticipated, and meetings are expected to last between one and two hours. With preparation time, it is expected that FMAC members will invest approximately 40 hours over the course of the project. City staff and representatives from the project consultant (Otak, Inc.) will facilitate each meeting. The date of the January FMAC Kick-off meeting at Redmond City Hall will be distributed to those individuals that are selected to participate in this committee. Applications will be accepted through Monday, December 11, 2006.

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